



December 8, 2014

Local Agency Conference Call Reminder

Please mark your calendars for the next local agency conference call at 9:00 am on January 8th, 2015. The agenda and call-in information will be distributed soon.

WIC Futures Study Group

Please review the [minutes](#) from the WIC Futures Study Group conference call on December 4th 2014.

WIC CEU Opportunities

A one-hour webinar on "[Back to the Future on Breastfeeding and HIV: the findings that transformed policy](#)" by Pamela Morrison, IBCLC is available. After completing, submit the correct form to Chris.

Gold Lactation is holding "Alumni Presentations" which contains three presentations from three different people. 3 WIC CEUs are available. The registration is \$45 if you do not meet the requirements for a discount. [More information](#) is available. After completing the presentations, submit the correct form to Chris.

The University Of Albany School Of Public Health is offering a series of webinars on cultural and linguistic competency. Five total webinars will be held. On December 18, 2014, at 7:00 am mountain time, "[Bridging Gaps: The Vital Role of Cultural Competence in Healthcare](#)" will be presented. One WIC CEU will be available. After completing each session submit the correct form (attach a copy of your certification.) More detail about the other sessions is available at http://www.albany.edu/sph/cphce/advancing_cc.shtml

Check out the upcoming [SWAG conferences](#). The February, October and November events all have potential for WIC CEUs. Contact Chris about what you would need to submit.

Registration is now open for the NWA 2015 Annual Education and Networking Conference and Exhibits. The theme is "[Reach Them, Teach Them, Keep Them!](#)"

Article Promoting WIC in Ravalli County

Here is a [glowing article](#) that was published last week in Ravalli County featuring WIC. This is an excellent example of an outreach technique to both educate the public and reach new participants!

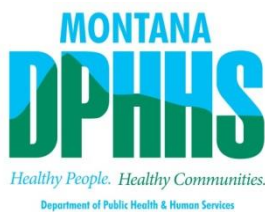
Wichealth.org Materials

Wichealth.org has updated their client flyer and insert to reflect their current listing of lessons. Visit <https://support.wichealth.org/> and you can find the documents under "Resources" and "Help Your Clients Get

Started". Good news is that they are editable, so you can customize them with your agency information. As a reminder, we highly encourage using wichealth.org as secondary, low risk education for participants. It is a great way to save time and allow flexibility for our participants.

Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment

As many of you know, we are in the midst of open enrollment for medical coverage through the Affordable Care Act. You may have participants who would qualify for coverage and financial subsidy depending on their income. Please look up the [Montana specific information](#), or use the [federal site](#). Better yet, use this list of [local navigators](#) to make a personal referral. Please also use this [resource list](#) for participants who may fall into the "coverage gap" (make too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to qualify for a subsidy).



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